

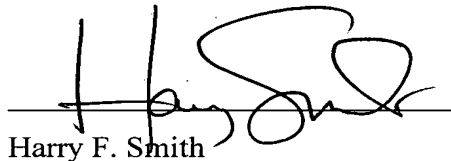
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REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-24 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits. In accordance therewith, Applicants have amended the title and, as is required, have canceled claims 25-51. Claims 25-51 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and the Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to continue the prosecution of these claims to allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider and allow all of the pending claims 1-24 as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of claims 1-24 is earnestly solicited.

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